

BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	May 6, 2015
BOARD MEETING	May 19, 2015
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All Supervisorial Districts
DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health
SUBJECT	APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY PROGRAM AND TO SIGN THE GRANT AWARD AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS AGREEMENT
PROGRAM	Countywide Management
DEADLINES	N/A
COST & FUNDING	The total Second Chance Act grant award is \$600,000 for two years effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016 for the implementation of the CARE Program.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Request authorization for the Department of Mental Health to accept a grant award for the Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and to sign the Grant Award and Special Conditions agreement.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>This will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to accept the Second Chance Act grant award totaling \$600,000 for two years from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016, and execute the attached Grant Award agreement for the implementation of the CARE Program.</p> <p>Signed into law in 2008, the Second Chance Act provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people with COD who are released from prisons and jails, including resources to address the myriad needs of these offenders during the period of incarceration and through the completion of parole or other court supervision after release into the community.</p> <p>The CARE Program will target non-AB 109 offenders that have chronic COD and are mandated to felony probation upon release, with priority attention given to those at high risk for recidivism, including those who are chronically homeless. Enrollment in the CARE Program will be open to men housed at Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) in downtown Los Angeles and women housed at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) in south Los Angeles.</p> <p>With the Second Chance Act grant, DMH intends to expand pre-and-post-release treatment services to 120 individuals incarcerated in TTCF or CRDF.</p>
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